troleum on the free list, and that telegraphic answer was made to the effect that other industries were being similarly attacked, and it would be well for those interested to ask their Representatives in Congress to vote against the entire Wilson bill. Representative Ritchie, of the northwestern Ohio district, and a Democratic free trader of the Frank Hurd school, who has not only advocated the placing of pertoleum on the free list and striking down one of the largest industries in his district, but who is attacking every other industry in Ohio, is busily engaged circulating the report in the House that the telegrams from Ohio oil producers come from Republicans, and should not therefore receive any notice, and, besides, "are intended to help the interests of the Standard Oil Company." In view of the fact that the ways and means committee has taken petroleum from the free list and intends to make it free from duty only when it comes from countries admitting our products free, It looks as though Representative Ritchie was befouling his own nest as well as discrediting the work of a Democratic commit-

Representative Caldwell to-day received a memorial from the lithographers of Cincinnati begging him to have the ways and means committee change from ad valorem to specific duties the provisions in the Wilson tariff bill relating to imported lithograph work. The Cincinnati lithographers state that an ad valorem duty will afford them no protection, as it is almost impossible to properly appraise the work, and that only a specific duty would fix any reliable basis upon which they could operate. Mr. Caldwell has seen the Democratic members of the ways and means committee and says the change from ad valorem to specific duties cannot be effected. Lithographers in Indianapolis and a number of other cities have made similar requests. Mr. Caldwell believes that if they would become sufficlently obstreperous they might possibly yet succeed, as the ways and means committee has been driven from its position in favor of ad valorem duties in a number

Representative Michael D. Harter, of Mansfield, O., is reported to have recently importuned Democratic members of the ways and means committee to secure increases in duties upon articles which would come into direct competition with the producers in his district. It looks as though Mr. Harter might be more of a free trader in theory than in practice, as he has been the most ultra advocate of ultra free trade In this Congress

The ways and means committee, just before adjourning this evening, ordered the new tariff bill to be reported to the House next Tuesday. At the meeting on Tuesday morning the majority will submit to the Republican members of the committee copies of its report on the tariff bill. The Republicans at that time may have their minority report ready to present, or they may want a few days until they have time to exam-Ine the report of the majority. Between now and Tuesday Chairman Wilson will prepare the report, and it will be submitted to the majority members of the committee from time to time until approved and ready to present. The bill, which has been completed is the customs portion only. The time of its consideration in the House has not been determined on, but the probabilities seem to be that it cannot possibly be reached before the holidays. The postponement of a Democratic caucus, which was announced by Mr. Holman to-day, on the ground that the internal revenue bill was not completed, indicates that the customs bill will not be taken up until the internal revenue bill is reported to the House. It is said by the Democratic members that the subcommittee on internal revenue will not work on this portion of the bill until after Chairman Wilson finishes his report. The internal revenue features are now in such shape that the subcommittee does not care to proceed, and it is necessary for all the majority members to consider the bill before further progress can be made. That is, the majority must determine whether the income tax must be special or general before much further progress can be made. The cigarette schedule of the customs bill was increased to-day for the purpose of allowing an increase of internal revenue taxes on cigarettes. It is thought that the increase will yield about \$4,500,000 revenue from this source. Some changes were made in the bill as follows: Common soap, made dutiable at 20 per cent.; flax netting, made dutiable at 30 per cent., was 25; still wines in casks, not changed as to rates, but a proviso added that no such wines shall pay nore than 100 per cent.; internal revenue tax on cigarettes raised from 50 cents to \$1.50 per pound on cigarettes in paper wrapto take effect after the first day of July, 1894; aluminium, raised from 15 to 25 per cent.; wire schedule, classification 30, changed so as to make it include certain drill rods and needle rods, which will raise their rate from 30 to 35 per cent.

#### PENSION RULINGS.

Four Important Decisions by Assistant Secretary Reynolds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-Assistant Secretary of the Interior Reynolds made four important pension rulings to-day. He decided that the act of Congress prohibiting payment of pension after July, 1893, to a nonresident of the United States, except for actual disabilities, applies to widows who are nonresident aliens; that where a soldier dies leaving a legally divorced wife and minor children over sixteen years old his mother occupies a pensionable status and can apply for and receive a pension as dependent mother of such soldier upon making necessary proof, and that where an invalid pensioner dies leaving no increase or rerating claim pending at the bureau, but has accepted the rate of pension then received, without demurring, the widow cannot file an original claim for rerating of her dead husband's pension. It is also decided that the Commissioner

of Pensions has no authority to change terms of contract for pension attorneys' fees where the contract with claimant was in accordance with law, nor can he refuse to issue a pension to a claimant because the allowance is insufficient to pay the fee contracted for. Certificates must issue, irrespective of the amount due.

# CONFERENCE OF SILVERITES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The prominent

Meeting to Be Held This Week at Which Plans Will Be Adopted.

gilver leaders of the country will meet in Washington on Friday for a two days' conference. It will be the most important gathering of silver men since the passage of the bill repealing the silver purchase clause of the Sherman act. The purpose of the meeting is to raise a large fund to devise means for electing a silver majority in the Fifty-fourth Congress. It is conceded that the anti-silver majority in the present Congress is so large that there is no need of urging it to pass legislation favorable to silver. The meeting is in response to invitations sent out by the Bimetallic League. Those who are expected represent not only the league, but the leading silver and industrial organizations of the country. Efforts have been made to secure the attendance of the new master workman of the Knights of Labor, Mr. Sovereign, who is exepcted to come East the latter part of the week. It is expected that \$100,000 will be raised without much difficulty to begin an extensive propaganda of silver throughout the country, and to be kept up until the next Congress is chosen. The House committee on coinage, weights and measures has postponed all consideration of the Bland bill until the second Thursday in January. When the committee met Mr. Bland asked to have a time fixed for taking a vote. Mr. Kilgore, of Texas, said that he was a free-coinage man and wanted to do all he could, but was not anxious to make any better record than he had. This hint that the bill was being pressed for a record caused Mr. Bland to say that if there was any opposition among the free-coinage men he would not pretend to press it, and the bill was then postponed.

# WATCHING FOR CRANKS.

No Bomb Throwers Will Be Permitted in the Halls of Congress.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-While it would of course create consternation there would really be little surprise if, one of these days, an Anarchist crank should hurl a bomb from one of the galleries in Congress, in imitation of the desperate flend who caused havoc in the Chamber of Deputies in Paris the other day. There has for some days been growing a fear in the minds of Congressmen that the important and unpopular legislation which is being enacted upon the tariff, federal elections, bankruptcy, Southand disloyalty during the late war, not to mention the agitation about Hawaii, may lead some blood-seeking villain to attempt | the case bitterly, and it is wealthy and to wreak his vengeance upon Congress. | powerful. There has been little openly said upon the subject here, and the newspaper men have been asked to write nothing about it. There is a fear that any discussion may invite the villainy of cranks. Anticipating the worst, there has been a decided enlargement of the Capitol police force, and its members have been drilled and instructed as to ac-

It is true that there are a number of posemen around the Capitol in fine and brilant uniforms, and that any sort of crank ould tell one of them at a half mile dislance, but there are other guardians of the

peace whose identity cannot be discovered. They are policemen in citizens' clothes, acting detectives. There have been issued full instructions to the officers for action under all circumstances, and while, to a casual observer, it would appear to be an easy matter for a crank to slip into the galleries with a bomb and cause great destruction, and escape from punishment, it would be almost an impossibility. While there are no outer gates surrounding the building, as at Paris, there are outer doorways in the main structure, and these can be closed at a moment's notice, in an emergency, so as to coop in a criminal.

#### INDIANA'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES. Residents of the Hoosier State Well

Supplied with Reading Matter. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- A circular has just been issued from the Bureau of Education giving statistics of the public libraries in the United States, from which it appears that Indiana has public libraries supported by private or public funds as follows, the figures in parentheses indicating the number of public libraries in cities having more than one library, and the figures following being the number of bound vol-

Anderson, 1,200; Aurora, 3,500; Bedford, 1,-200; Bloomington (2), 16,684; Bluffton, 1,094; Brazil, 1,310; Brookville (2), 3,500; Columbus, 2,000; Connersville, 3,120; Covington, 1,200; Crawfordsville (2), 34,000; Danville, 2,-500; Elkhart, 2,500; Evansville (2), 20,400; Fort Wayne (6), 14,243; Frankfort (2), 3,317; Franklin (2), 8,813; Goshen, 1,950; Gosport, 1,000; Greencastle (2), 15,085; Hanover (4), 15,342; Hartsville, 1,250; Huntington, 5,000; Indianapolis (15), about 120,000; Irvington (2), 5,075; Jeffersonville (2), 4,175; Ladoga, 2,000; Lafayette (2), 16,000; LaPorte (2), 4,825; Madison, 3,878; Marion, 2,500; Merom, 1,300; Michigan City, State prison, 2,900; Mishawaka, 1,050; Mitchell, 1,000; Moore's Hill, 1,000; Mt. Vernon, 1,200; Muncie, 7,748; New Albany (3), 9,000; New Harmony (2),, 16,900; Notre Dame (2), 50,200; Oldenburg, 1,800; Plymouth, 3,000; Princeton, 3,181; Rensselaer, 1,000; Richmond (5), 26,000; Rockport, 1,000; St. Mary's, 18,000; St. Meinrad (2), 16,908; South Bend (2), 2,300; Spiceland, 1,200; Terre Haute (3), 23,200; Valparaiso (2), 12,000; Vevay, 1,800; Vincennes (2), 6,700; Warsaw, 2,540; Winchester, 2,303. Indiana, in proportion to population, i not excelled by any Western State in the number of public libraries or the quality

#### of the books contained in them. Gunning for Hoke Smith.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- To-day Senator Sherman laid before the Senate memorials signed by soldiers at Mount Victory, South Ridgeville, Edinburg, and in Ross and Ottacounties, Ohio, asking for a congres sional investigation into the methods of Hoke Smith and the management of the Pension Office. They were referred to the Senate committee on pensions. Many thousands of Ohio soldiers have now demanded a congressional investigation into the Pen-

General Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-J. B. Dunkle was to-day appointed postmaster at Veedersburg, Fountain county, vice J. W. Crouk, removed, and Frederick Holtz, at Williamsport, Warren county, vice J. H. Stevenson,

Representative Johnson, of Indiana, has been for two days, and is now, confined to his room, with a severe although not dangerous attack of grip. Ex-Secretary Charles Foster, of Fostoria,

O., arrived this afternoon, and is at the Arlington. He visits Washington at this time on private business. He says he will probably remain all week. United States District Attorney Herron,

of Cincinnati, has resigned, to take effect Jan. 1. It is expected that his successor will be nominated shortly after the return to Washington of Senator Brice, who is now in New York. Mrs. Oliver P. Morton, of Indianapolis, is visiting Mrs. Jeremiah M. Wilson, of No.

1712 I street. Major Clifton Comly, U. S. A., formerly stationed at Indianapolis, is at the Ebbitt. Charles Carroll, jr., of Shawneetown, Ill., has applied for the position of chief of a division in the Treasury Department. Attorney-general Olney has received the resignations of the following officials: Fre-mont Wood, United States attorney, Idaho; John W. Herron, United States attorney, southern district of Ohio; David K. Watson, of Ohio, special assistant attorney em-

ployed in connection with suits against certain Pacific railroads. The contest of Joseph W. Ady for the seat in the Senate now occupied by Senator Martin, of Kansas, was again taken up by the Senate committee on privileges and elections to-day. Time was given Mr. Ady to file briefs and produce testimony. Representative Hatch, of Missouri, will probably introduce the anti-option bill tomorrow. The bill will practically be the same measure as passed the Senate in the Fifty-second Congress, except that some of the rates of taxation may be reduced in order that it will not be a prohibitive measure, but plainly a revenue bill.

# OBITUARY.

Martin D. McHenry, an Aged Ex-Judge of Kentucky. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 13.-Ex - Judge Martin D. McHenry died yesterday afternoon, at his home in this city. He sustained injuries from a fall several weeks ago,

which resulted in his death. Judge McHenry was born in Richmond. Ky., eighty-seven years ago. During the administration of Gov. John J. Crittenden. who was inaugurated in 1848, he was chosen district judge. He was receiver of the United States land office, at Des Moines, Ia., for many years. Ex-Governor Proctor Knott was once a law pupil in Judge Mc-Henry's office, and was much attached to

#### Judge Alexander White. DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 13.-Judge Alexander

White, aged seventy-eight years, died this Judge White was a native of Franklin, enn., but spent his maturer years at Talladega and Seima, Ala., each of which he represented in Congress before and after the In 1874 President Grant appointed Judge White to fill an unexpired term as mef Justice of the Territory of Utah. After lischarging the duties of the office with distinction he went to Texas, settling at Dallas, where he continued to reside until the time of his death.

Admiral Porter's Widow. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. - Mrs. Porter, widow of Admiral Porter, died this morning, at her home in this city. She was a laughter of Commodore Patterson, and was orn in New Orleans seventy-four years 40. She was a sister of Admiral Patterson. She has long been in ill health, which was aggravated by a fall some time ago. The funeral will occur on Friday.

Other Deaths. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.-Dr. Edward

Mowritz, proprietor of the German Demoat. the oldest daily paper in the country, died, to-day, after an filness of six days Dr. Mowritz was known all over the United listes and in many parts of Europe as one f the oldest and most successful of German-American journalists. He was born in Dantzic, Prussia.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13.-Rev. T. B. Lyman, Protestant Episcopal bishop of North Carolina, died at his home here, this moralag, from heart failure. Bishop Lyman served as a priest in Maryland, Pittsburg, Rome and San Francisco. BELGRADE. Dec. 13.-M. Dorics, late premier of Servia, is dead. BERLIN, Dec. 13.—Privy Councilor

Dunncker is dead.

Action Against a Coal Company. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 13 .- Attorneygeneral Maloney has prepared an opinion adverse to the Spring Valley Coal Company, whose affairs he has been investigating, and will make application to the court to have the charter of the corporation forfelted. The charges against the company are the failure to maintain its principal office at Chicago, as required by its charter, headquarters now being at Springfield, carrying on a general merchandise store, when the corporation was organized simply for the purpose of mining coal, building and renting for profit stores, boarding or dwellhouses, and the purchase of 33,000 acres of coal land, which is more than is needed for ern war claims and the question of loyalty | the purposes for which the corporation was created, and more than it can use at the present rate of development for over two hundred years. The corporation will fight

# Got Away with \$4,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.-The amount of cash secured by the bold robbery of Cashier Robertson at the postoffice last night is now estimated at \$1,000. No trace of the robber has been discovered, and Inspector Stuart said to-day that there is little probability that the man will be captured. The assaulted cashier is not so badly injured as was reported, but is confled to his home with a badly bruised head.

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INSURGENTS

Two Fortified Islands in Rio Harbor Taken by the Rebels.

Admiral De Gama Now in Position to Play Havoc with the City of Rio De Janeiro-Frenchmen Shot.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- The Navy Department this afternoon received the following dispatch from Commodore Picking, in command of the United States fleet in

Rio de Janeiro harbor: "Cobras island and Euchadas are in the possession of Admiral De Gama. The former is well fortified and is continually firing upon the custom house and naval offices with small arms. It is dangerous to

Cobras and Euchadas are both islands just off Rio. They lie in the inner bay and are north and west of the town of Rio. Their possession by the insurgents is looked upon by naval officers as being the that side. Cobras is only a short distance from the city's shore and looks directly upon the arsenal and custom house, within range of small arms, as indicated by the cable dispatch. Upon Cobras is located the government dock yards. Between the fortifications of Cobras and those on Villegaignon the city is almost flanked, and a portion of it lies in the line between the two. The anchorage set apart for merchant vessels lies between the islands of Euchadas and the city landing, which would explain the dispatch of yesterday reporting that vessels had been requested to change their anchorage. The only fortifications held by the government are on the other side of the bay from Rio, the Nicthes roy side. Their guns are two miles from Cobras and Euchadas. The dispatch received would indicate that firing has again commenced and that the fortifications of the combatants were near enough to each

other for hot work. In reply to a London dispatch giving the situation in Brazil, Minister Mendonca said to-day: "Instead of having only 6,000 men, as the cable states," said Senor Men-'President Peixoto has 16,000 men at Rio. They are well armed, well drilled and well equipped. They are made up from the regular army and the militia. The contemptuous reference to their being "untrained mulattoes and negroes" might be applied to the heroic garrison which has defended Nictheroy for three months. That garrison was also made up of about eighty of these 'mulattoes,' and yet they proved to be such formidable fighters that they drove off the rebel ironclad and have held the town until nothing is left of it but a circle of improvised breastworks. If eighty mulattoes did this for Nictheroy, it can be judged what sort of a defense President Peixoto can make with 16,900 of the same

"It is evident," the Minister said, in answer to further questions, "that Admiral Gama is getting ready for what he hopes to make a decisive move by the rebels. Senor Mendonca was asked if the foreign commanders in Rio harbor would permit bombardment of the city to be resumed. He replied: "If the government opens fire on the rebel ships and forts and the latter answer by a bombardment, it is probable that the foreign commanders would not interfere. But if the rebels begin the bombardment without further provocation, then the foreign commanders would undoubtedly protest. The Minister has received a cable from

the West Indies which disarms his suspicion that the explosion on the steamer America was due to treachery on board. The cable shows the explosion to have been entirely accidental. The ship will be fully repaired and ready to proceed by the end

French Saflors Shot.

LONDON, Dec. 14 .- A dispatch to the Times from Lisbon says: The steamship Nile, which left Rio de Janeiro Dec. 5, has arrived at Pernambuco, bringing news of the arrest of the crew of the French steamer Parahybia. The advices say that the crew were ordered to be shot without trial, although there was no proof that they intended to join the insurgents under Admiral Mello. Incensed at the injustice of their sentence, the condemned sailors, at the moment of execution, cried in one voice: "Long live Mello." This produced such an impression that the government troops in the firing party tried not to hit the prisoners, and only five of them were killed. The soldiers were ordered to fire again, but they refused to do so. The remainder of the Parahybia's crew were, therefore, imprisoned. The public is shocked at the brutality of the sentence imposed upon the sailors, and is greatly incensed against President Peixoto.

Mello at Rio Again. BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 13.-Admiral Mello's flagship, the Aquidaban, is again blockading Rio de Janeiro. Communication between land and the shipping in Rio has been stopped.

# BUTCHERY IN ITALY.

Peasants Mowed Down with Buckshot -Man and Wife Behended.

ROME, Dec. 13 .- Additional details of the riots at Girardenello have been received. The mob began their demonstrations by marching through the streets, shouting, "Down with taxes," and "Long live socialm," and intermingling their cries with cheers for the King and Queen. Late in the day Sublicutenant Cimino arrived with fifteen soldiers. He ordered his men to fix bayonets. Either his order was misunderstood or the soldiers were exasperated beyond control. One of the soldiers raised his rifle and fired. His example was followed by six others., Eight of the rioters fell dead and fourteen others were wounded. The explanation of this great havec is that the rifles were loaded with buckshot. A scene of the wildest confusion ensued. The mob, which had scattered after the firing, gathered again and directed their fury against the tax collector. They forced the doors and attacked the collector and his wife, both of whom were killed with axes. Their bodies, still warm and bleeding, were dragged into the street and terribly mutilated by the peasants, who acted like madmen. The heads of their victims were cut off and stuck on pikes and carried through the streets, followed by the crowd, dragging with them the bodies of the murdered couple. The village is now in charge of a detachment of cavalry.

Anarchist Press Muzzled. PARIS, Dec. 13.—The Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Justice conferred to-day regarding the application of the new press law, which will be enforced to-morrow. All incitements to commit dynamite outrages and all glorification of crime will be vigorously prosecuted. The police have searched the residence of Paul Recklus, a civil engineer, and nephew of the eminent geographical writer, M. Jacques Elisee Recklus, and discovered a number of important letters showing that he was in communication with Anarchist lead-

Bombs at Barcelona.

BARCELONA, Dec. 13.-Another Anarchist has been arrested on the charge of complicity in the bomb outrage in the Liceo Theater. He was denounced by a woman who is now in prison and with whom he formerly lived. Five bombs with fuses attached have been found in a garden in an alley called Calle de Trafalgar. An unexploded bomb which was found in the Liceo Theater at the time of the recent outrage was submitted to an anlysis and found to contain dynamite mixed with chlorate of

Accused of Many Offenses.

VIENNA, Dec. 13 .- An important state trial is about to be opened at Prague. The persons to be tried are members of a secret society known as Onladina, and they are accused of high treason, of insulting the royal family, of public violence and sedition and other crimes. There are seventyeight members of the society, and fortyeight have already been arrested. These include three journalists and a son of a member of the Reichsrath. Documents have also been seized, it is claimed, proving that the society has branches in other towns.

Declined to Fight a Duel. PARIS, Dec. 13.-M. Deville, the Socialist journalist, has challenged M. Jonnart, Minister of Public Works, claiming that the latter read inaccurate extracts from Deville's articles in the Chamber of Deputies, M. Jonnart will decline to accept the chal-lenge on the ground that he, after reading the extracts which M. Deville refers to, ex-

GAINING | pressed pleasure, as reported in the Journal Officiel, to hear M. Milleraud contradict the words attributed to M. Deville.

> To Thwart Bomb Throwers. LONDON, Dec. 13 .- The authorities of the House of Commons are considering a proposition to stretch a wire net before the parts of the House of Parliament which are open to strangers, with the view of

preventing Anarchist outrages. Fight with the Matabeles. CAPETOWN, Dec. 13.-Major Forbes has had an engagement with the Matabeles, but the result is not yet known.

Cable Notes. The Roumanian commercial treaty was aopted by the German Reichstag yesterday by the vote of 189 to 165. A gunpowder explosion occurred yester-

day, at Waltham Abbey, England. One person was killed and nine fatally injured. The Japanese steamer Matsuyemerec struck on the rocks on Nov 15, while bound for Shouchaso, and foundered. Thirty passengers were drowned. The executive committee of the German Anti-slavery Society has decided to trans-fer all its undertakings with Dr. Peter and

its steamers and stations on Lake Victoria to the empire. Herr Mantey, a local judge at Tilsit, east Prussia, has been sentenced to four months' detention in the fortress for fightmost important acquisition yet made by ing a duel with a lawyer over a political dispute. The seconds, who were army offi-

cers, will be court-martialed. This winter has been selected by Russia for a series of extensive army maneuvers in the deeply snowclad portions of Moscow. The troops will bivouac under the new Chirgheses felt tents. The military evolutions in the snow will only be suspended

#### FIGHT WITH REBELS.

when eight degrees below zero are regis-

tered by the thermometer.

Many Mexican Insurgents and Government Soldiers Reported Killed.

DEMING, N. M., Dec. 13.-A courier reached Las Palomas, last night, bringing morts to General Hernandez, who has charge of the government troops in the State of Chihuahua, and who has been at Las Palomas investigating the border troubles, of a battle between the troops and revolutionists near Colonia Juarez in the Sierra Madras, last Friday morning. Gen. Hernandez at once left for the south with a strong body guard. While hunting for the rebel camp, the soldiers came across one hundred rebels under command of Santa Ana Perez. Fighting began at once and continued for several hours, when the troops were compelled to retreat in disorder. The rebels had the advantage of position, being in a mountainous region and fought from ambush. The rebeis lost twenty-five and the government over one hundred, according to conservative estimates. Others place the government's loss at three hundred. Both sides had many wounded. The government officials at Las Palomas admit the reports of a battle to be correct, but are exerting every means within their power to suppress information.

#### BUSINESS TROUBLES. Receiver Appointed for the Sun Vapor

Street-Light Company. CANTON, O., Dec. 13 .- Jud A. Wann was to-day appointed receiver of the Sun Vapor Street-light Company. The application was made by Mrs. Alice N. Chance, who holds \$87,000 of the company's stock. The liabilities of the company are something over \$300,000. The assets consist of lighting contracts in various cities, considered very valuable if completed, but on which little would be realized if forced to a sale. The real estate, machines, etc. of the company are estimated at \$50,000, and the bills receivable, amount due on contracts, \$100,000. The company has a plant here, where its lamps are manufactured, and has, besides, seventy-two branches in fifteen different States in cities where lighting contracts are carried. The principal branches are in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Omaha, Indianapolis, Sloux City, Columbus and Topeka. It is intended that the business shall be kept in operation, as a shut-down would undoubtedly cause a ruinous shrinkage in the principal items of assets. The leading stockholders of the company are prominent members of the firm of C. Aultman & Co. The petition for a reserver asks for a sale of

Other Failures. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13.-B. L. Duke, member of the firm of Duke & Sons, of Durham, made an individual assignment, to-day, to J. F. Wiley and V. Ballard, of Durham. Assets estimated at \$700,000; Habilities, \$500,000; preferred creditors, \$145,000 CHICAGO, Dec. 13.-Judgment for \$35,000 by confession was entered to-day against the Henry Dibblee Company, dealers in

grates and mantels. The Wish of No-Man's Land. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 13 .- No Man's Land, the Panhandle country of Oklahoma, does not wish to be a party of the convention asking for Oklahoma statehood, but desires to be annexed to Kansas. This is the

burden of a letter received by Governor Lewelling, to-day, from Mr. Ormsy, chairman of Beaver county, a narrow strip of land two hundred miles long. An effort will also be made to have Congress annex the county to Colorado or Texas. Governor Lewelling to-day received a letter from a person signing himself, "T Armsby, Commissioner," wanting to be in-formed as to the laws of Kansas with reference to the annexation of new territory, and stating that the people of Beaver county. Oklahoma Territory, were desirous o being annexed to Kansas. The letter adds that Beaver county owes \$25,000.

Losses by Fire

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 13.-The block on iddie Pearl and Vine streets owned by the estate of John E. Donnell, and occupied by the Atkinson Furnishing Company, of Boston, was burned last night, with its contents, entailing a loss of about \$150,000; nsurance, \$126,000.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 13.-The immense dry goods house of William H. Frear was partially burned to-night. The loss is estimated at \$175,000. William H. Frear is insured for \$269,000; Nims & Co. for \$12,000, and Henry Stowell for \$16,000. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13.-A fire at Morganton, N. C., this morning, destroyed a square in the business part of the town,

including a hotel and several stores. Alleged Arrest of Train Robbers. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 13.-An aftersoon paper has a special from Frankfort to the effect that the robbers who held up a train near Bardwell, Ky., a few weeks ago and robbed the American Express Company of something like \$10,000, are believed to be under arrest and in the Louisville jail. Inquiry at the jail here failed to throw any light upon the matter. If the robbers are held in this vicinity it must

be in Indiana, probably at Jeffersonville or

New Albany.

Flood in Washington State.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 13 .- A flood that swept down the valley between Tacoma and Seattle last Monday was the worst that has visited this section for years. The entire country from O'Briens to Benton, a distance of six miles in length and over two miles in width, is under water from four to six feet deep. A dozen houses and six bridges have been washed away, but no loss of life is yet known. The damage will run into the thousands of

Charged with Forgery.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 13. - Col. George J. Root, late contracting freight agent of the Cincinnati Southern railway in this city, and formerly president of a railroad terminating at Elmira, N. Y., was arrested here this afternoon on the charge of forgery. He forged the name of prominent merchants to notes which he had discounted. Notes to nearly \$3,000 have been found. His friends claim that his mind has been unbalanced for some time.

Scheig Pleads Guilty.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—Philip M. Scheig, the absconding teller of the Bank of Minneapolis, surprised every one, to-day, by pleading guilty in the District Court. He did this without consulting with an attorney, and as soon as he was arraigned. It is believed the plea is part of the agreement he has made with the bank. The grand jury, to-day, considered the quartiof the complicity of Louis and Frank Floyd in the defalcation.

LONDON, Dec. 13,-Sighted: Majestic. from New York, Arrived: France, from New York. SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 13.-Arrived: Spree, from New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 13 .- Arrived: Unice.

from Liverpool.

Movements of Steamers.

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QUADRUPLE LYNCHING

Four Negroes Hanged and Their Bodies Riddled with Shot.

They Were Accused of Breaking Into a Widow's Honse-Daily List of Criminal Happenings.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 13 .- N. ws of a quadruple lynching has reached here from Selma, Ala. Four negro tramps were strung up to the same limb and their bodies riddled with bullets near there on Sunday. Late Saturday night the four negroes went to the house of the widow Jones, six or eight miles from Selma. They rang the bell, and the widow, after a few minutes, opened the door. They inquired of her if her husband was at home, but, instead of answering, she tried to close the door, One of the men threw himself in the way, while the others started to enter. The woman seized a gun, which was near at hand, and fired into the crowd. One of the negroes was wounded. The four marauders then retreated. Mrs. Jones gave the alarm and a posse of citizens was organized. The negroes were all captured and, just as the sun had reached the horizon, the signal gun was fired and the four were in a moment dangling by their necks between earth and sky.

A Fast Young Man's Deed. DENVER, Col., Dec. 13.-Ed Hanfield, a fast young man about town, this afterncon shot his mistress, Ida Hall, a Central Theater actress, and then fired a bullet into his brain. Hanfield died instantly. The woman is lying in the hospital with a bullet wound through her left breast, just above her heart, and she too will die in a few hours. Hanfield came here from Ashfield, Mass., a few months ago, and at once entered upon a dissipated career, fell in love with Ida Hall and soon gained her consent to marry him. His father, who is quite wealthy, learning of his son's acts, refused to send him more money, and, in order to secure funds to pay for the marriage ceremony, Hanfield stole a quantity of goods from the room of a friend and pawned them. For this he was arrested about an hour before the time set for his marriage and was given a term in jall. He was released yesterday and immediately renewed love had, evidently cooled. It is supposed he invited her to his room this morning and as she refused to marry him, he shot her and himself.

Evangelist Seat to Prison. SOMERSET, Pa., Dec. 13.-Elder Robert H. Singer, a professed evangelist of the Disciples Church, was to-day sentenced by Judge Longnecker to pay a fine of \$5 and undergo three months imprisonment in

jail. Singer was tried for attempted criminal assault at the November term, on information of Mrs. Alice Jeffereys, and the jury found him guilty of assault and battery. A motion was at once filed for a new trial, which was this morning refused. Before sentence was imposed Singer addressed the court, and asked that mercy be shown him on account of his family He also claimed his innocence, and said that he was the victim of a conspiracy. The court told the prisoner that he could congratulate himself that he had not been convicted of the more serious offense, as the evidence would have justified such a

Murdered and Burned.

RONKONKOMA, N. Y., Dec. 13.-The hamlet of Farmingville, four miles from this place, is wrought up over the murder of Mrs. Georgiana Jackson, sixty-five years old, who lived alone in the middle of a large farm. The murderer, after killing the aged woman, set fire to the house, hoping in this way to hide the crime. There is no clew to the perpetrator.

Shot His Sweetheart. EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Dec. 13 .- George

Huffman, returning from a ball at 2 o'clock this morning, quarreled with his sweetheart, Miss Eoff, and fired three shots into her head and three into his own. He afterward jumped into the river, but crawled out to throw himself before a train, when he was arrested. The girl may die. Huffman's wounds are serious.

Sick Man Hanged.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 13 .- John Armstrong, colored, was hanged at Athens, McMinn county, to-day, for the murder of French Sharp, colored, in April last. Armstrong had been sick, and, being unable to stand on the gallows, he had to be held up while the noose was adjusted. He made full confession of his guilt and expressed his readiness to die.

FOR PROTECTION OF FISH.

Meeting of Commissioners of Eastern States-Evil Effects of Seine Fishing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.-The rapid decrease of edible fish along the Atlantic seaboard and the prospect of a threatened famine in the great necessity of life caused the gathering of over a hundred delegates at the Hotel Gerlach in this city. The call for the meeting was issued by the fish commissioner of this State, and when the representatives from every State with a seacoast, from Maine to Florida, came together they knew what they had to talk about, and had formulated what ought to be done in the matter of maintaining a food supply within a reasonable distance of the shore. Menhaden fishing and the greed of fish-oil manufacturers had been charged with causing the threatened famine, and the manufacturers were present to defend themselves. The meeting organized by electing Mr. W. H. Bowman, of Rochester, chairman, and Mr. Edward J. Doyle, of the State Fish Commission, secretary. The fire was opened on the defensive by the president of the Menhaden Oil and Guano Association. Mr. I. T. Church, who read the first paper, defending that industry and attempting to prove by statistics that their work did not injure the United States fisheries. Mr. E. Whitaker read a paper of L. D. Huntington, which clearly demonstrated that the supply of food fish was steadily decreasing, and that menhaden and net fishermen were to blame for that condition of things. Mr. Walling, of Keesport, N. J., spoke in defense of the pound net, and showed that food fishing was not injured by that method of supplying the markets. Colonel Mc-Donald, of the United States Fish Commisterests involved.

sion, advocated the passage of a general law that should govern the entire matter, paying due regard to all the conflicting in-The argument which followed was participated in by boat fishermen and dealers in fish, both agreeing that seine fishing was necessary to catch enough fish to supply the markets. The subject of pound nets brought out many contradictory statements the general sentiment gradually centering on the idea that some reasonable law must be made to protect the fish. Mr. Robert B. Roosevelt said, toward the close of the afternoon session, regarding statements made that good fish were not taken to the fac-tories: "This is untrue." He had seen blue fish taken to the oil factories. He regards the use of pound nets injurious to the fish. The discussion will be continued to-morrow. To-night all participants enjoy a banquet at the Gerlach.

# CORPSE BOYCOTTED.

Undertakers Refuse to Bury the Body of a Kentuckian's Wife.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 13 .- A corpse boycotted by the Undertakers' Union. This is the situation Mr. O. J. Brewster, a young attorney of this city, finds himself placed in. Brewster owed a balance on funeral expenses for his father's burial to Miller Bros., undertakers, and on this account not an undertaker in the city will bury his wife until the balance is settled. He offered good security, but to no avail. He also offered to pay the old account as soon as possible. On account of sickness Brewster is short of funds. He will be compelled to have the city undertaker bury his wife to-morrow, who died four days ago.

Strangers visiting our city wanting jewelry, watches and diamonds are recommended to go to Marcy's, 38 West Washington street, Griffith Block. Watches-Go to Marcy's. Low prices this Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

ABSOLUTELY PURE

EZEKIEL'S MAD

Well-Known Jewish Citizen Kills

Himself in a Horrible Way.

from Paresis.

Michael Ezekiel died at 12 o'clock last

Cuts His Throat and Then Shoots Himself in a Closet-He Suffered

night by his own hand. He first cut his throat and then shot himself in the forehead. The deed was committed about 11:33 at the home of the dead man, No. 131 North East street. Ezekiel was about forty-six years old. He had been a great sufferer from paresis, which it is thought impelled him to take his own life. He went carefully about the ghastly work, and neglected no detail except that he left no writing to his family. The disease from which he suffered had been growing constantly and he realized that he would probably soon be helpless and perhaps a burden to his family. Physicians had told him that there was no hope, and he decided to end all. It is said that last evening the unfortunate man was unusually light-hearted, and shortly after supper he left the house, stating that he would spend an hour with one of his friends. His wife also went out for a short time. The husband was the first to return. He went directly to his sleeping room and had been there perhaps half an hour when his grandfather, Nathan Hirsh, heard a sound as of a muffled shot upstairs. The old gentleman his suit for the hand of the girl, but her is totally blind, and made no attempt to

seek the origin of the noise. The servant girl also heard an unusual noise, but attributed the demonstration to nothing unusual and dismissed the matter from her mind. Mrs. Ezekiel returned home between 11 and 12 o'clock and inquired for her husband. On being told that he had retired she went to his room. Entering the apartment she was surprised to find the bed unoccupied. The door of a closet was slightly ajar, and stepping to it she saw the feet of a man protruding. She opened the door and fell back with a shrick. Her husband lay upon the floor, perefctly nude. A pillow lay under his head, and the warm blood that flowed from a frightful wound in his throat had saturated the soft linen. His hand grasped a revolver, and a tiny stream of blood trickled down from a dark hole in his forehead. The victim was breathing heavily, but was unable to speak. The poor woman ran from the room down stairs into the street and across to the opposite sidewalk. Here she uttered a piercing scream and fell fainting to the ground. Neighboring families were aroused, and they assisted in caring for the distracted wife. Dr. Marsee was hurriedly summoned, but Ezekiel was dead before he arrived. The coroner was also called and searched the apartment carefully for a letter, but could find nothing. The dead man had gashed his throat with a razor before resorting to the pistol. Finding the first weapon unavailable in carrying out his purpose, he had placed the muzzle of a 32-calibre revolver to his head. With the cunning of a demented man he had gone into the closet in order that the sound of a revolver could not be heard by the family. Ezekiel was the father of two children, a boy of thirteen and an infant daughter. He was a brother-in-law of Henry Kahn, of the Kahn Tailoring Company, and for several years was connected with that establishment as a bookkeeper.

# PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Miss Helen Irwin gave a theater party last evening in honor of the Misses Nash, The Americus Club gave a dance last

evening, at their clubhouse on North Alabama street. Miss Emma Lilly, of Mount Clemmens, Mich., is visiting the family of Mr. Charles Lilly, on North Tennessee street. Mrs. George F. Seymour, of LaPorte, h visiting her mother, Mrs. Charles P Jacobs, on North Delaware street. Miss Ruth Violette, of Purdue University, will spend the holidays with Miss Myrta Loder, on North Pennsylvania street.

till the 30th on account of an attack of the Mrs. A. E. Clark, of Pittsburg, and Mrs. Mary Lilly, of Anderson, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lilly, on North Delaware street.

The next recital of Mr. W. H. Donley.

announced for Saturday, will be postpone

Mrs. John C. Dean has gone to Cincinnati to spend a few days, and will not be at home this afternoon for her regular Thursday reception.

Miss Florence Day will return from Smith College next Wednesday, accompanied by Miss Landis, of San Francisco, who will spend the holidays here. Major and Mrs. Gould, of Vincennes, at one time residents of this city, have re turned, and are at the Denison Hotel, where they will receive their friends. Mrs. Harriet A. Prunk, accompanied by wenty of her students, witnessed the performance of "As You Like It" at the op-

era house. The class is making a study of the play. A Matinee Musicale has been organized at Columbus, and Mrs. Winifred Hunter Mooney, formerly of this city, has been made its president. The first meeting will

be held Friday afternoon. Mrs. C. P. Jacobs will entertain a small number of friends to-morrow afternoon with a German conversation for her daughter, Miss Harriet Jacobs, who recently returned from abroad. In the evening Mrs. Jacobs will entertain at 7 o'clock tea for Miss Jacobs and Mrs. Seymour.

The marriage of Miss Margaret McFeer and Charlton P. Brooke, formerly of this city, will take place at the residence of the former in Knoxville, Tenn., this evening. Owing to a recent bereavement in the family of the bride, the ceremony will be witnessed by members of their families

a series of evenings with the modern composers during the season. The purpose is to give an evening to a single composer, and six have been chosen. The guests are to be the musical people, and instrumental and vocal numbers will constitute the programmes. The first one will probably be given before the holidays. Mrs. C. L. Morris is lying critically ill at

Mr. and Mrs. Enrique C. Miller will give

her residence, 275 North Meridian street. She suffered from severe attacks of nervous prostration the last summer and fall, She had almost fully recovered, and was gaining rapidly, when she was stricken down Saturday night with a cold. Mrs. Morris is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, a tireless worker among the young people, and a faithful member of the Art Society.

At Mrs. May Wright Sewall's reception vesterday afternoon Miss Julia Marlowe and Mrs. Woodard were the guests of honor. There were many callers to meet the guests. Mrs. Sewall was assisted by and Mrs. E. R. Keith and Miss Rondthaler presided at the dainty tea table in the dining room. Miss Marlowe wore a tasteful gown of bronze silk, dotted with figures of blue and pink, and the neck was trinimed with white slik mull over pink. Mrs. Woodard were a simple black gown. The visitors included many of the most prominent people in the city. The hours were from 3 till 5 o'clock.

vesterday afternoon was given by the members of the second division, and was of the compositions of the Bohemian, Anton Dvorak, Owing to the prevalent influenza, all the numbers on the programme could not be given. Miss Taylor, Miss Messing and Miss Johnson being excused. Two piano quartets were played by Miss Beck, Mrs. Dill and Mrs. J. W. Lilly. These "Finale - Aus Die Fur Orchester" and "Legenden, Nos. 4 and Miss Swain played the "Furiante" and Miss McKenzle two "Walzer, Op. 54." able to Mrs. and Miss Whittier played "Am erty.

Miss MARLOWE 'MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Friday, "TWELFTH NIGHT." Saturday matinee, "THE LOVE CHASE." Saturday night, "ROMEO AND JULIET." Prices-Nights, gallery, 25c; balcony, 50c and 75c; orchestra and dress circle, \$1; side boxes, \$1.50; stage boxes, \$2. Matinee: dress circle and balcony, reserved, 50c; admission, balcony, 25c; orchestra and side boxes, 75c; stage boxes, \$1.50.

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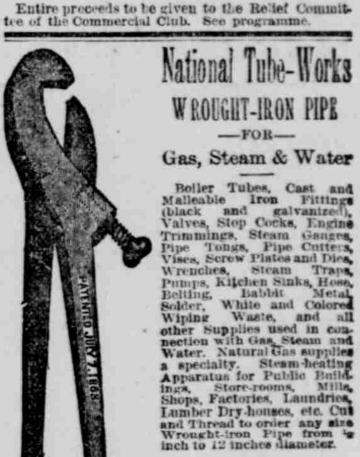
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GRAND SACRED CONCERT MUSICIANS' UNION TOMLINSON HALL, Sunday Eve., Dec. 17

BENEFIT OF THE POOR



S. PENNSYLVAN IA FT Schwarzen See" and "Waipurgts Nacht. and Miss Schrader and Miss Winifred Willard sang several songs. Mrs. Dill read a sketch of Dvorak and Mrs. Jenckes read selections from the Musical Courier which

Knight & Jillson,

were very interesting. VROOMAN-BLACK. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-Miss Gracia Mildred Black, daughter of Gen. J. C. Black, of Illinois, and Rev. Frank Buffington Vrooman, of Worcester, Mass., were married at noon to-day, at St. John's Church, by the Rev. Mackay Smith. Mist Newberry, of Chicago, was maid of honor,

and Miss Julia Stevenson, daughter of the

Vice President, Miss Lella Herbert, daugh-

ter of the Secretary of the Navy, and Mist

Helen F. Black, acted as bridesmaids. The

wedding was quite a social event, a large number of prominent people being present. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the Hotel Normandie. The bride, who is a petite brunette, were a trained gown of ivory white satin, trimmed elaborately with point lace. The bodice had a bertha of the lace, and a pretty effect of white violets and orange clossoms garniture. Her bouquet of these flowers and her long enveloping tulle vell were arranged becomingly over her dark hair. The bridesmaids were all dressed alike, in gowns of white silk, trimmed with chiffon, with collar bands and sash ribbons of white velvet. They had on hats of white felt, trimmed with white ostrich tips, and carried bouquets of Parma violets. bride's young sister, Miss Helene Black, who was her flower bearer, wore a picturesque gown of white satin, brocaded in true-lovers' knots, with a deep coliarette of point lace. She wore a wreath of maiden hair fern and white roses, Mrs. John C.

Black were an elegant costume of heliotrope silk and a stylish bonnet, trimmed with steel. During the afternoon Rev. and Mrs. Vrooman started on a wedding trip, the first stopping place of which they did not reveal. They will not reach their home at Worcester until the 1st of January. The groom is the pastor there of the Salemstreet Congregational Church. Senator and Miss Voorhees and a number of other Hoosiers, and a large concourse of Illinois-

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 13.-A wedding took

place, last evening, at the residence of Rev. J. W. Carney. The principals were Benjamin Koons and Miss Mand Dolman. The Mrs. G. F. Adams in the drawing room | bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dolman, of Selma, To Enjoin an Ex-Agent. The National Linseed Oil Company,

ans, were present at the marriage cere-

KOONS-DOLMAN.

through attorneys Winter & Elam, yesterday filed with the United States Court clerk a complaint against Alexander H. Harding, formerly manager of the Logans. port branch of the business. The complaint with the concern as an agent and the court is asked to issue a temporary order restraining him from in any way interfering with the company's business and from appropriating to himself any of the profits belonging to the same.

Daniel King's Residence Burglarized. The residence of Daniel King, at No. 160 North East street, was burglarized at I o'clock this morning. The thieves were unable to get away with any valuable prop-

The programme of the Matinee Musicale alleges that Harding is no longer connected